



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 STEM EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, a highly skilled workforce is critical to Idaho and the nation's competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, Idaho students require a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to succeed in increasingly technical jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Department of Education, the Idaho State Board of Education, the Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education, business, industry and higher education have joined forces to establish the Idaho STEM (i-STEM) initiative; and

WHEREAS, the i-STEM mission is "to enhance and develop excellence in STEM education for Idaho's future;" and

WHEREAS, i-STEM supports professional development opportunities and resources for K – 12 teachers which promote achievement and success in the way our students learn science, technology, mathematics and engineering; and

WHEREAS, i-STEM has established resource centers at the North Idaho College, College of Western Idaho, College of Southern Idaho, and College of Technology-Idaho State University to help improve the content knowledge, skills and professional development of the STEM teacher workforce and to improve the physical and technological resources available in STEM classrooms and other learning environments; and

WHEREAS, teachers and administrators will gather June 18-28 at four Idaho college and university campuses for "2012 i-STEM Speedway: Where Integration Meets Innovation" to better integrate STEM materials and curriculum into their classrooms;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2012 to be

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in Idaho, and encourage educators and leaders in the government, business, technology and science communities to continue this STEM partnership to help Idaho students better analyze, reason, access technology and communicate solutions to the challenges of tomorrow.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty second.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE